

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a)

I, REZA YACOOB, of Ontario, L5V 1V2, Canada

5353 Floral Hill Crescent, Mississauga, declares as follows:

- 1. I am employed by Aventis Pasteur Limited (formerly Connaught Laboratories Limited) in the Patents Department and am the Reza Yacoob referred to in paragraph 8 of the Declaration of Michael I. Stewart dated May 4, 2001.
- 2. I forwarded to Pele Chong by facsimile transmission on May 27, 2001 a Declaration and Power of Attorney for execution on behalf of the inventor, Charles D. Y. Sia. The facsimile transmission was sent to the last address known to me, namely c/o Venture Biomedical, 25 Davids Drive, Hauppauge, New York, 11788, U.S.A.
- 3. Shortly after my facsimile transmission, I received a telephone call from Pele Chong, acknowledging receipt of the Declaration and Power of Attorney and advising that he would not sign the paper on behalf of Charles D. Y. Sia, Mr. Chong has previously executed a Declaration and Power of Attorney on his own behalf. My Superior in the Patent Department at Aventis Pasteur Limited, Dr. Gavin Zealey, subsequently contacted Pele Chong by telephone and was again advised that he would not sign the paper.
- 4. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and believe are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

Declared at Toronto, Ontario, this 2 ^{nJ} day of October, 2001.

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Charles D. Y. Sia et al.

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HIV-SPECIFIC CYTOTOXIC T-CELL RESPONSES

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I, REZA YACOOB, of 5151 Floral Hill Crescent, Mississauga, Ontario, L5V 1V2, Canada, declare as follows:

- 1. I am employed by Aventis Pasteur Limited (formerly Connaught Laboratories Limited) in the Patents Department.
- 2. On September 19, 2001, I forwarded to Charles D. Y. Sia at his last known address, namely 133 Torresdale Avenue, Suite 901, Toronto, Ontario, M2R 3T2, Canada, a complete copy of the specification including claims filed in this application with the Declaration and Power of Attorney attached thereto, as well as a copy of the drawings. My letter, with a request that the Declaration and Power of Attorney be signed and returned, was forwarded by Federal Express under Tracking Number 791660536261 and was delivered on September 26, 2001 at 9.23 am, where it was signed for by Charles D. Y. Sia.
- 3. To date, Charles D. Y. Sia has not contacted me nor any other member of the Patent Department of Aventis Pasteur Limited and the executed Department of Attorney has not been returned by Charles D. Y. Sia.

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Declared at Toronto, Ontario, this OZ day of January , 2002

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